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A Missouri State Library news service

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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Additional training scheduled for statistical data collection

November 12 is the deadline for submitting the annual public library statistical data required by the State Library. This year the data collection is through an online software program called *Bibliostat Collect*, and public libraries must use this software to submit their data. Please note the submission deadline has been updated since the last State Library announcement, when it was originally posted as November 5.

All Missouri public libraries will receive a packet from the State Library within the next few days, containing instructions, sample forms, and library password and login information. Library staff will need this packet before submitting the data online. A form included in the packet can be used to collect all the information needed before entering it into *Bibliostat Collect*.

Last week the State Library announced a *Bibliostat* training session on October 5, 2004. Two more session dates have been added to the schedule, and all are scheduled for 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Bibliostat training schedule:

- **October 5, 2004, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:**
St. Charles City-County Library, St. Peters
Rolling Hills Consolidated Library, St. Joseph
- **October 13, 2004, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:**
Daniel Boone Regional Library, Columbia
H.E. Sever Memorial Library, Kahoka
- **October 14, 2004, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.:**
Springfield-Greene County Library District, The Library Center
Dunklin County Library, Kennett

To register for one of these sessions, or if you have questions about collecting your library's statistical information, contact Michaela Hansen, library administration consultant, at 800-325-0131, ext. 11, or michaela.hansen@sos.mo.gov. When registering, please include you name, library, address, phone number, training date, and training location.

MOREnet sets regional E-rate training schedule for 2004

In late October and early November of 2004, MOREnet will conduct regional training sessions on the E-rate program. During the training, participants will receive an overview of the E-rate program, including eligible services, the application process, and the required forms. Form 471 will be covered in-depth, to provide the knowledge needed to complete an application this fall.

Training sites include Camdenton, Independence, Kirksville, St. Peters, Sikeston, Webb City, and West Plains. To register, e-mail training@more.net or call (800) 509-6673 and ask for Krista Hediger. Include your name, daytime phone number, e-mail address, organization and location and date of training that you wish to attend with your registration request. Visit <http://www.more.net/services/e-rate/training2004.html> for more information.

Learn about parental involvement at Kansas City conference

The Kansas and Missouri Parent Information and Resource Centers (PIRC) are cosponsoring the second annual parent involvement conference, November 30-December 1, 2004 at the Marriott Downtown, Kansas City, MO. More than 100 concurrent sessions will help participants with family literacy, diversity issues, early childhood concerns, and parent involvement policies and practices.

Conference participants will:

- Discover innovative strategies to involve parents in their children's educational journey as life-long learners.
- Learn how to form partnerships or collaborations among school-based and community-based organizations, parents, and families.
- Network with educators, parents, and parent involvement representatives from both Kansas and Missouri.

Registration and additional information can be found at the PIRC Web site, <http://www.kpirc.org/Conference.htm>.

'What is a city?' conference scheduled in St. Louis

The Missouri Center for the Humanities celebrates the 10th anniversary of the annual "What is a City?" conference, centering on the urban built environment and aspects of creating and supporting a sense of community in urban neighborhoods, sustainable architecture, viable cultural organizations, and good relations between institutions and their surroundings. The 2004 conference, scheduled for October 21-22, will examine the contributions of libraries, small businesses, and nonprofit arts/educational organizations to their neighborhoods, the value of humanities and arts traditions in keeping communities strong, and ways to sustain neighborhoods over time. Registration is free and open to the public, and registrants are encouraged to bring a canned food donation for the St. Louis Area Foodbank. Register by calling (314) 516-5974, or go to <http://www.umsl.edu/~conted/conferences/city.html> for details and the conference agenda.

New print PSAs available in Spanish

A new series of Spanish-language print public service announcements (PSAs) is now available from the @ your library® Web site at [www.ala.org/ @yourlibrary](http://www.ala.org/@yourlibrary).

Originally made available in English last fall, the ads promote recruitment, funding, pay equity, equity of access, and the role of librarians and school library media specialists in the Information Age. They are intended to help librarians promote key issues at the state and local level.

The PSAs join two other advocacy resources recently translated into Spanish: the *Library Advocates Handbook* and *Quotable Facts About America's Libraries*. Both are available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/issues/issuesadvocacy.htm>

VRD 2004 conference registration now open

Virtual Reference Desk 2004, a conference focused on the advancement of digital reference and Internet-based information services, is scheduled for November 8-9, 2004, in Cincinnati.

Eva Miller, special projects librarian from Multnomah County Library, Portland, Oregon, will discuss the "improvisational" librarian as the conference keynote speaker. Miller will present her experiences in pulling together a statewide virtual reference project in just a few months, as well as her view of librarianship from the vantage point of five years in the profession.

A post-conference workshop will feature a team of presenters offering both an onsite and virtual workshop on training and education for library staff for digital reference.

Additional conference content and registration information is available at <http://vrd2004.org/index.cfm>.

Bilingual literature organization offers grants to libraries

People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos, a nonprofit organization providing bilingual literature programs in English and in Spanish, has received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to implement their programming in public library systems nationally over a two year period.

A reading and discussion program in English and Spanish, People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos is designed to create an enjoyable and enriching experience with literature for groups of people who do not read independently. Participants gather for 90-minute sessions over eight weeks to hear and discuss short stories. Structured dialogs lead by a facilitator encourage participants to communicate, refine critical and analytical thinking skills, and help master challenging issues. Participants are generally recruited from community groups and service organizations that work with at-risk youth, seniors, diverse ethnic groups, as well as educationally and economically disadvantaged populations.

People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos is now accepting applications from public libraries for 2005. The grants cover materials and training for library staff to conduct the sessions. For more information on People & Stories/Gente y Cuentos library project, go to <http://www.peopleandstories.org/NEHNationalLibraryProject.htm>.

Creating library leaders for the 21st century

The Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA) is sponsoring its third National Institute for library and business leaders, titled "Creating Library Leaders for the 21st Century: What It Takes to Take the Lead." The Institute will take place at the Wyndham Palm Springs Hotel, Palm Springs, California, November 18-20, 2004.

The Institute will examine and explore what it takes to be a leader, how to lead during traumatic times, how to lead superiors and the external community, and introduce Six Sigma, a leadership tool for achieving optimum organizational performance. Carla Hayden, 2004 American Library Association (ALA) president, will give the conference keynote and capstone addresses.

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.ala.org/lama>, or contact Doll Thorn-Hawkins, Library Administration and Management Association, 800-545-2433, ext. 5032, or e-mail lama@ala.org.

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